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1. TRAVEL NOTES CORRECT IN ALL BUT TWO SECTIONS: CUSTOMS AND TRANSPORTATION. FOLLOWING IS TEXT, WITH CHANGES, FOR THESE SECTIONS.

2. CUSTOMS: IN GENERAL, WHEN VISITORS ARRIVE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA, THEY MUST PRESENT: (1) A PASSPORT VALID FOR 6 MONTHS LONGER THAN INTENDED STAY; (2) A VISITOR VISA; (3) A RETURN OR ONWARD PASSAGE TICKET WITH AUTHORITY TO ENTER NEXT COUNTRY; (4) AN INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX. VISITOR VVISAS ARE VALID FOR TWO MONTHS DURATION WITH SINGLE ENTRY AND NO EXTENSIONS. (THE REST OF SECTION REMAINS THE SAME.)

3. TRANSPORTATION: PORT MORESBY IS SERVICED DAILY BY FLIGHTS TO AND FROM BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA. LESS FREQUENT FLIGHTS CONNECT PORT MORESBY WITH CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA, MANILA AND SOME OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, NOTABLY THE SOLOMON ISLANDS (WEEKLY) AND JAYAPURA, IRIAN JAYA, INDONESIA (BIWEEKLY). THERE IS NO DIRECT PASSENGER SHIP LINE BETWEEN U.S. PORTS AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA. AIR NIUGINI PROVIDES INTERNAL AIR SERVICE ALONG WITH SEVERAL SMALLER AIRLINES. AT INDEPENDENCE AIR NIUGINI WILL PROVIDE FIVE SERVICES WEEKLY BETWEEN BRISBANE AND PORT MORESBY AND FOUR BETWEEN CAIRNS AND PORT MORESBY. IT WILL ALSO HAVE A ONCE WEEKLY FLIGHT TO MANILA. ADDITIONAL PORTS OF CALL ARE IN THE PLANNING

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